

# **NATHAN MAPS CHANGES FOR LOWER WEST SIDE**

Borough President Edgar J. Nathan Jr. announced yesterday a broad plan for street changes in Manhattan's lower West Side, designed to serve the double purpose of relieving traffic congestion in the area and providing adequate access to the new wholesale produce market on West Street, construction of which was recently approved by the Board of Estimate.

Mr. Nathan's plan, as yet not formally submitted for action, calls for the widening of Canal Street between Washington and Greenwich Streets, widening of Watts Street between West and Canal Streets, widening of Varick Street between North Moore and Laight Streets, redesigning of the Manhattan exit of the Holland Tunnel and provision for linking the tunnel with the market.

It also proposes a direct link between the market and the proposed Lower Manhattan Crosstown Expressway.

In announcing his plan Mr. Nathan said his proposal "will not only keep the market traffic moving, but will go a long way toward relieving vehicular congestion throughout the entire lower West Side."

His program ties in with Mayor La Guardia's plan for diverting traffic from West Street in the market area over to Greenwich Street, which will be widened. Mr. Nathan suggests that ramps be built in the center of a new street called for in the market plan at the south side of the market, these ramps to replace the Duane Street ramp of the West Side Elevated Express Highway. The Duane Street ramp is eliminated by the market plan.

The new plan provides for a

change in the direction of the Crosstown Expressway to avoid interference with the proposed Interstate Commerce Center, to be developed at Laight and Varick Streets. It also envisages a series of ramps connecting the market with the widened downtown streets.